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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: KCITO MUBANDA

REF: A. STATE 293886, B. STATE 336358, C. KAMPALA 2547

1. EMBASSY HAS DELIVERED LETTER OF INQUIRY DATED DEC 6 TO MFA DIRECTOR OF TREATIES AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT NABETA NOTING INTEREST OF CONGRESSMAN LEACH AND SENATOR GRASSLEY AND RELATING UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT KIZITO MUBANDA HAD BEEN SIGHTED AT LIZIRA PRISON BETWEEN MID-OCTOBER AND PRESENT TIME. DCM HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH NABETA AS FOLLOW UP TO LETTER.

2. DECISION REGARDING ANY INITIATIVES ON BEHALF OF MISSING OR DETAINED PERSONS SHOULD BE COORDINATED VERY CAREFULLY WITH CLOSEST RELATIVES OF THOSE CONCERNED. BROTHER OF ONE OF DCM'S HOUSE

SE VANTS WHO RECENTLY WAS HELD AT NILE MANSIONS WITHOUT CHARGES (PURPORTEDLY FOR RANSOM) WAS RELEASED (TO LUZIRA PRISON) AFTER ABOUT A MONTH. WIFE OF DETAINEE WAS ADAMANT THAT DCM NOT APPROACH ANY GOU OFFICIALS ON BEHALF OF HER HUSBAND.

3. WE ARE SKEPTICAL THAT LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN WOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT BUT, AGAIN, THIS IS JUDGEMENT BEST MADE BY MR. MUBANDA'S KINFOLK. DP PARLIAMENTARY COORDINATOR HENRY SEWANNYANA (PROTECT) TOLD DCM OF A CASE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHEN HE APPROACHED MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS LUWULIZAKIRUNDA TO SEEK VISITING PRIVILEGES FOR FAMILIES OF A SMALL NUMBER OF PRISONERS HELD AT LUZIRA. THE MINISTER ASKED SEWANNYANA TO BE PATIENT AND NOT LONG AFTER THE PRISONERS WERE RELEASED. OFTEN, IT SEEMS, PERSONAL CONTACTS ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF OBTAINING REDRESS WITH RESPECT TO CASES INVOLVING SECURITY. BEYER
END OF MESSAGE

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